



FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER

DEDICATION PROGRAM

INVOCATION

Reverend Lewis Lint

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Donald F. Pinkerton

Director of Housing and Community Development
State of California

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

Dulcetones - Scarlet Brigade; Fairfield High School

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 2333

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Native Sons of the Golden West - Solano Parlor No. 39

RAISING OF THE COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Loyal V. Hanson, Mayor of the City of Fairfield

DEDICATION ADDRESS

The Honorable John V. Tunney
United States Senator

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER

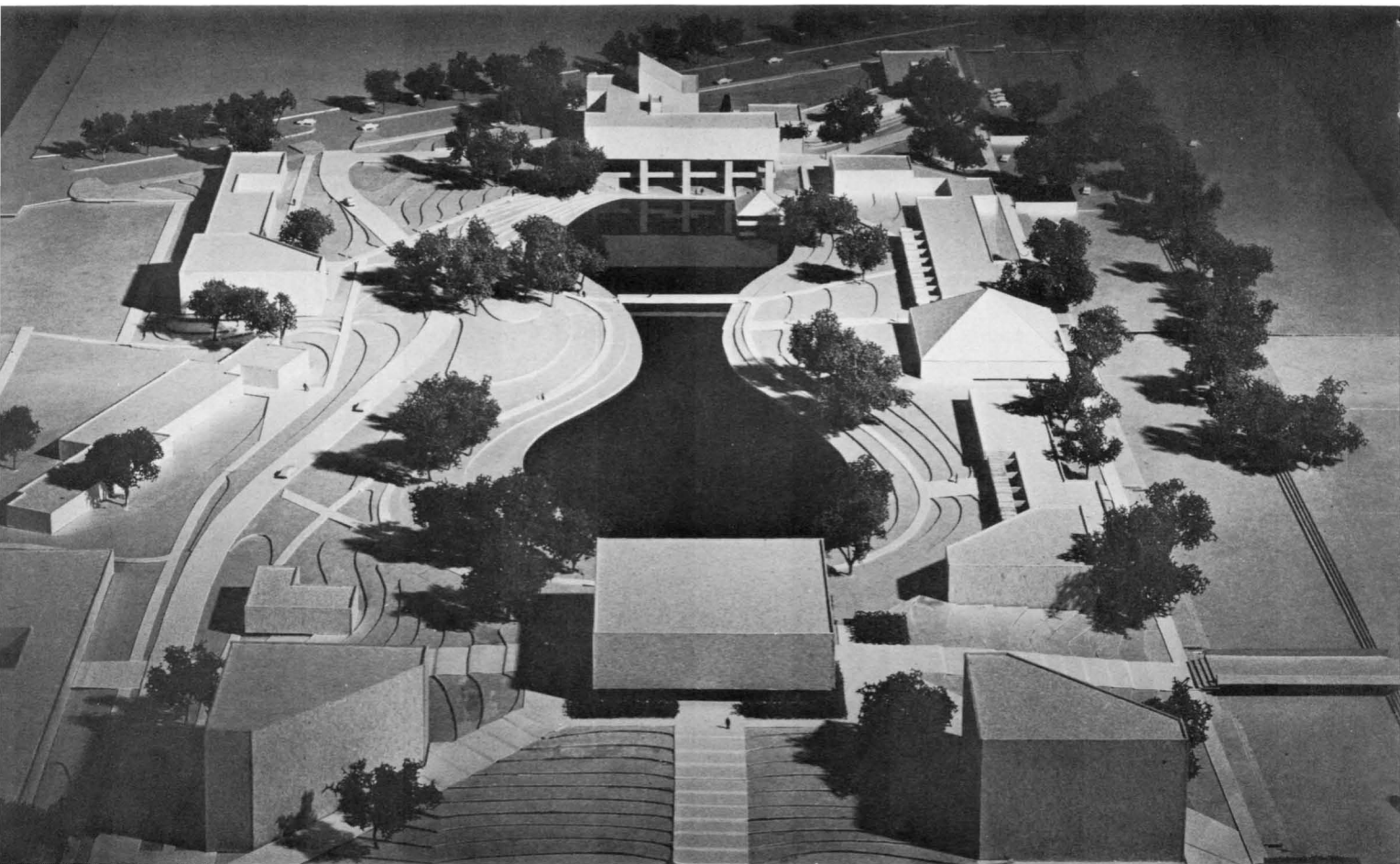
Loyal V. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Fairfield

BENEDICTION

All guests are cordially invited to tour the new
Civic Center facilities following the dedication ceremonies.

Refreshments are available in the Community Center.

MAY 29, 1971



Architectural Model showing proposed site development.

Photo: Jeremiah Bragstad

THE FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER MASTERPLAN

HISTORY

The first step toward a Fairfield Civic Center began on November 24, 1953, when the City Council voted to proceed with purchase from the Federal Government of a thirty-three acre site just north of the City's Central Business District. This site was well known as Waterman Park and had been a World War II temporary housing project of 315 units with a central recreation center and cafeteria. At the time of purchase the City Council intended that the site become Fairfield's Civic Center.

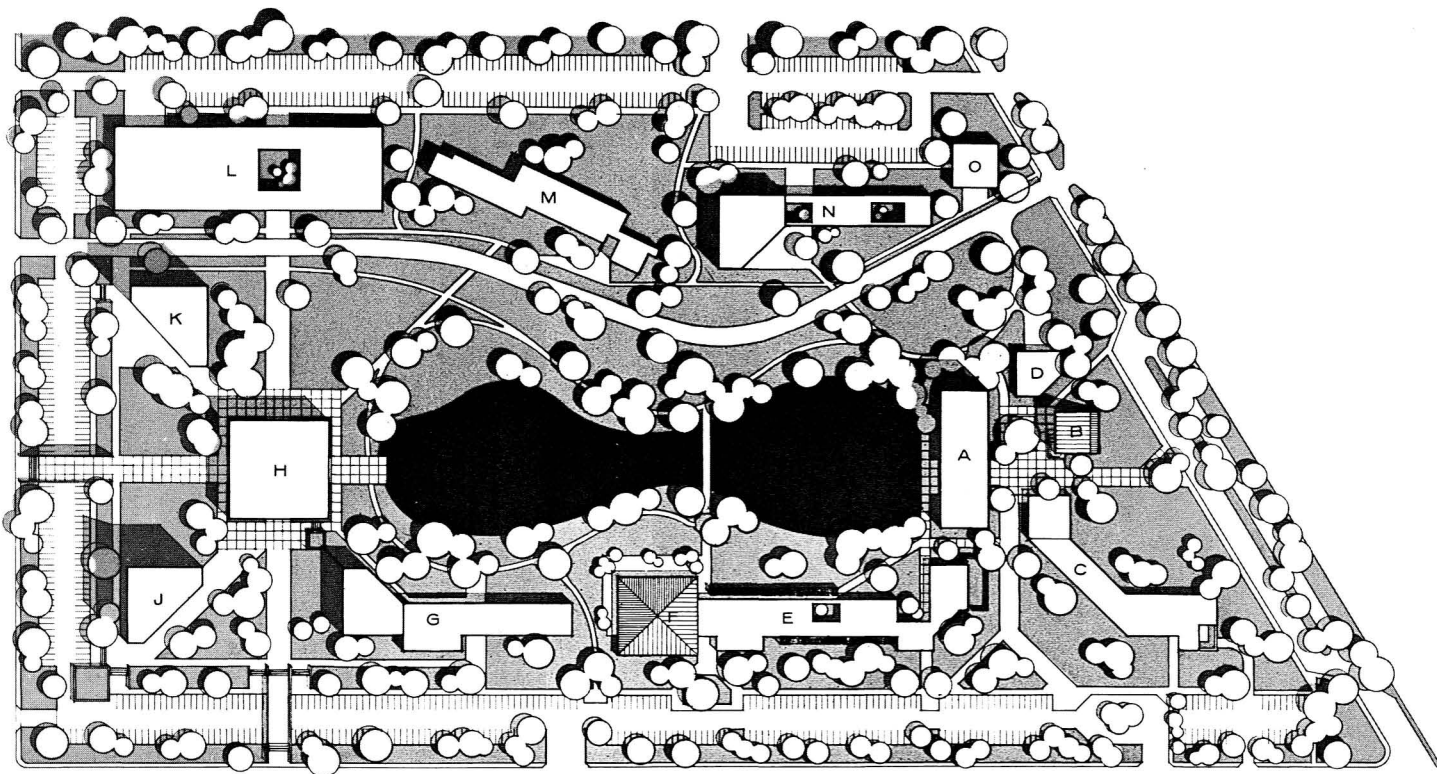
On January 1, 1954, the City Hall offices were moved into the recreation and cafeteria building. The City then took over operation of the housing units, renting them primarily to low-income families. Surplus from the operation of the housing project was set aside for future Civic Center construction.

To facilitate its role of housing assistance to low-income families the City Council appointed itself as a Housing Authority to administer a HUD Section 23 leased housing program. Many families were relocated from the Waterman Park housing to more adequate living quarters provided by this new Housing Authority.

An initial important decision made by the Council was to establish that the entire thirty-three acre site would be retained for Civic Center use. As these thirty-three acres were excessive for City facility requirements, it was decided that certain space could be made available for State, Federal and Regional service facilities as well.

In March of 1967 the City Council determined that an architectural competition be held to select an architect for the project. Mr. Louis DeMonte, AIA, was hired as the City's professional advisor for the competition. A complete program for the competition was developed, specifying its rules and regulations, the area requirements of all projected facilities in the Civic Center, and five members of a professional jury. Invitations were sent to registered architects residing in northern and central California and forty architects worked out design solutions and submitted entries to be judged by the jury. The first four place winners were announced on December 15, 1967. The winning selection was the entry of Robert W. Hawley, AIA, San Francisco.

The City Council next dealt with the problem of financing initial construction by appointing a Citizens' Advisory Committee to study the improvement needs of the community. The Committee, after thorough study of capital outlay needs and financing alternatives, recommended a package of improvements to be financed with General Obligation bonds which could be repaid without a tax increase. Civic Center bonds headed the list at 2.6 million dollars. Other issues on the same ballot of November 5, 1969 were for street improvements, neighborhood park development and a golf course. All issues except that for the golf course passed at a general election. The Civic Center bonds received a 79% "yes" vote.



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| A CITY HALL | H COMMUNITY THEATER |
| B COUNCIL CHAMBER | J STATE OFFICE BUILDING |
| C POLICE BUILDING | K FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING |
| D MECHANICAL BUILDING | L POST OFFICE |
| E COMMUNITY HALL | M SCHOOL |
| F ASSEMBLY HALL | N CIVIC BUILDING |
| G PROPOSED LIBRARY | O CHAMBER OF COMMERCE |

CIVIC CENTER MASTERPLAN

PROJECT INFORMATION

The City Hall building is the largest of the five building complex. It contains 33,000 square feet and has space for extensive future expansion. It is a four-story structure which overlooks a central, three-acre man-made lake. Office locations were planned so that those most often used by the public would be the most accessible.

All departments are served by a pneumatic tube station to facilitate handling of money and correspondence. A system of movable partitions is used in most areas which facilitates future remodeling or relocation of offices.

Carpeting is used throughout. In addition to the new furniture used, approximately 80% of existing furniture was refinished and moved into the new complex.

The Police Administration building of 13,000 square feet is a one-story structure located adjacent to the City Hall. It is equipped with the most modern communication and internal monitoring systems available. There are no jail facilities. A booking area is included and four holding cells have the backup of a tight security system.

The Council Chamber is a separate building with direct access to the City Hall and Central Plaza. City Council meetings, which are open to the public, and Planning Commission meetings are held here. It has theatre-type seating for 108 people and a spacious lobby.

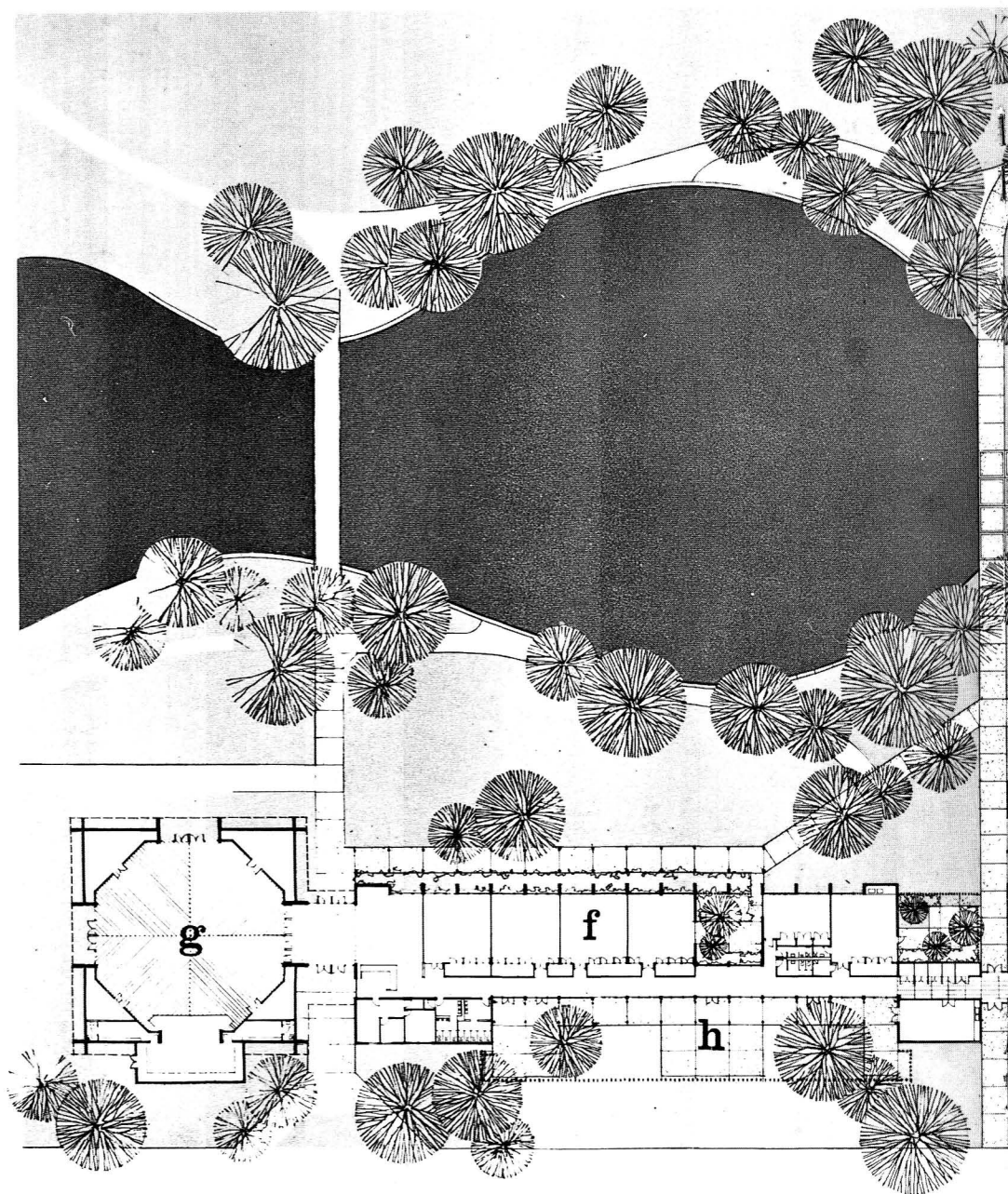
The Community Center fills a long-existing need for a public, enclosed space. This one-story building lies adjacent to the lake and was designed as a multi-use facility for recreational and cultural activities sponsored by the Fairfield Recreational Department. Areas have also been provided for senior citizens, tiny tots, and those interested in arts and crafts.

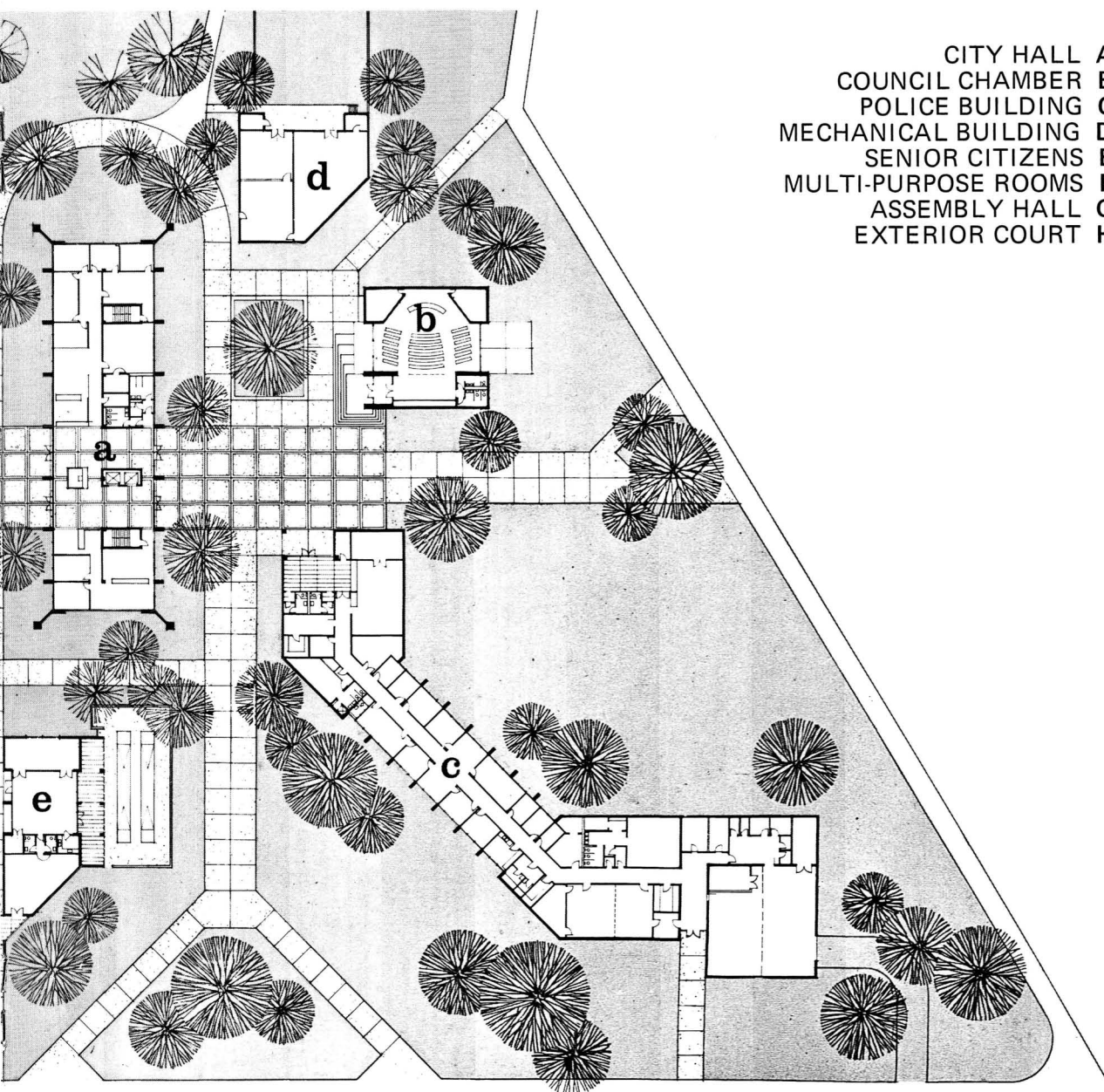
The assembly hall is the largest single enclosed space in the Civic Center. It is capped by a twenty-seven foot square skylight, the peak of which is located 44 feet above floor level. This space has been designed to serve a variety of functions including concerts, banquets, lectures, theatrical productions, fashion shows and dances. It has a seating capacity for 750 people.

Fairfield's City Council believed that public exposure to good works of art would have a stimulating effect on the community's fine arts as well as enhance the Civic Center's interiors. A permanent art collection, which could be added to in the future, was initiated.

Forty-five prints by well-known artists were carefully selected and purchased. Six additional paintings were commissioned to the Fairfield artist, Michael Green, and four paintings were acquired as purchase prizes from a local art festival.

Ernest Braun was commissioned in the summer of 1970 to photograph the Fairfield area landscape in its seasonal changes. Thirty of these photos were selected and enlarged for permanent display.



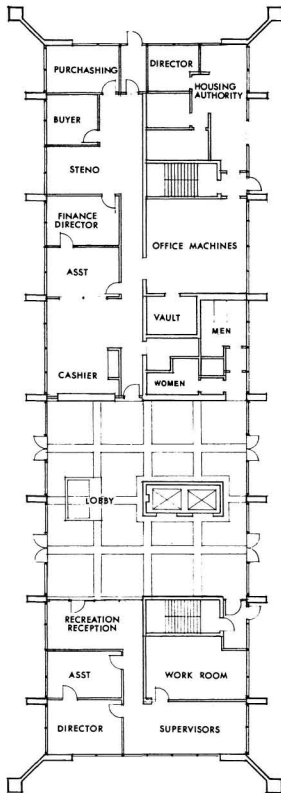


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- COUNCIL CHAMBER B
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- SENIOR CITIZENS E
- MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS F
- ASSEMBLY HALL G
- EXTERIOR COURT H

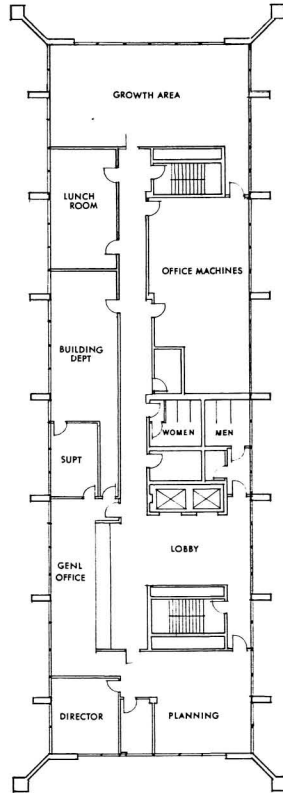
CIVIC CENTER SITE PLAN



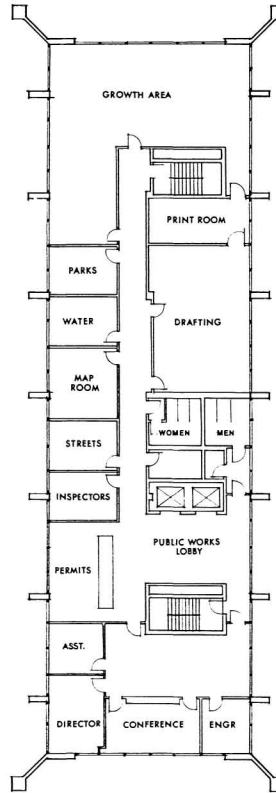
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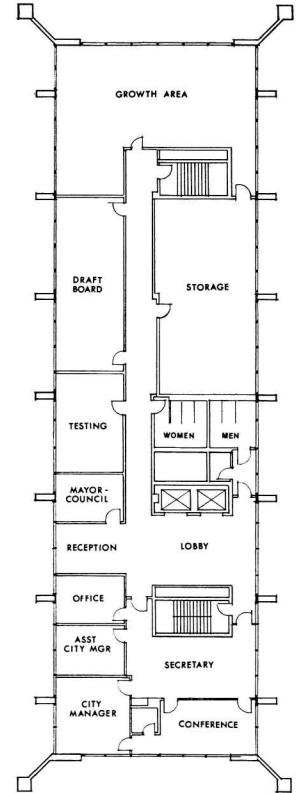
FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR



FOURTH FLOOR

CITY HALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES



ASSEMBLY HALL

FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

THOMAS HANNIGAN
ARNE DIGERUD

ALLAN WITT
MANUEL CAMPOS

DON PINKERTON, Former Mayor
E. D. "PETE" LIGHTFOOT
SHIRLEY SMITH, Former Mayor

FAIRFIELD CITY OFFICIALS

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City Manager

B. D. GOODMAN
City Attorney

COLIN HUTCHEON
City Clerk

ELSIE TURRI
City Treasurer

FORWARD FAIRFIELD COMMITTEE

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Chairman

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R. P. BODIN	MICHAEL McINNIS
LEVI BOLTON	MRS. WILLIAM NESBITT
DR. DARRELL CALL	BEN OLIVER
MANUEL CAMPOS	GEORGE OLSON
MRS. JACKIE COX	REV. EUGENE KREUTZ
DR. AMOS JOHNSON	NICK SHARATZ

FAIRFIELD CITY STAFF

J. LAVERNE COPPICK
Police Chief

PETER PASSANANDO
Fire Chief

GARY GOUVEA
Planning Director

JOSEPH SHILTS
Director of Public Works

ED JOHNSON
Recreation Director

GEORGE NOLAN
Finance Director

CORY LARSON
Street Superintendent

GEORGE MOYLAN
Chief Housing Officer

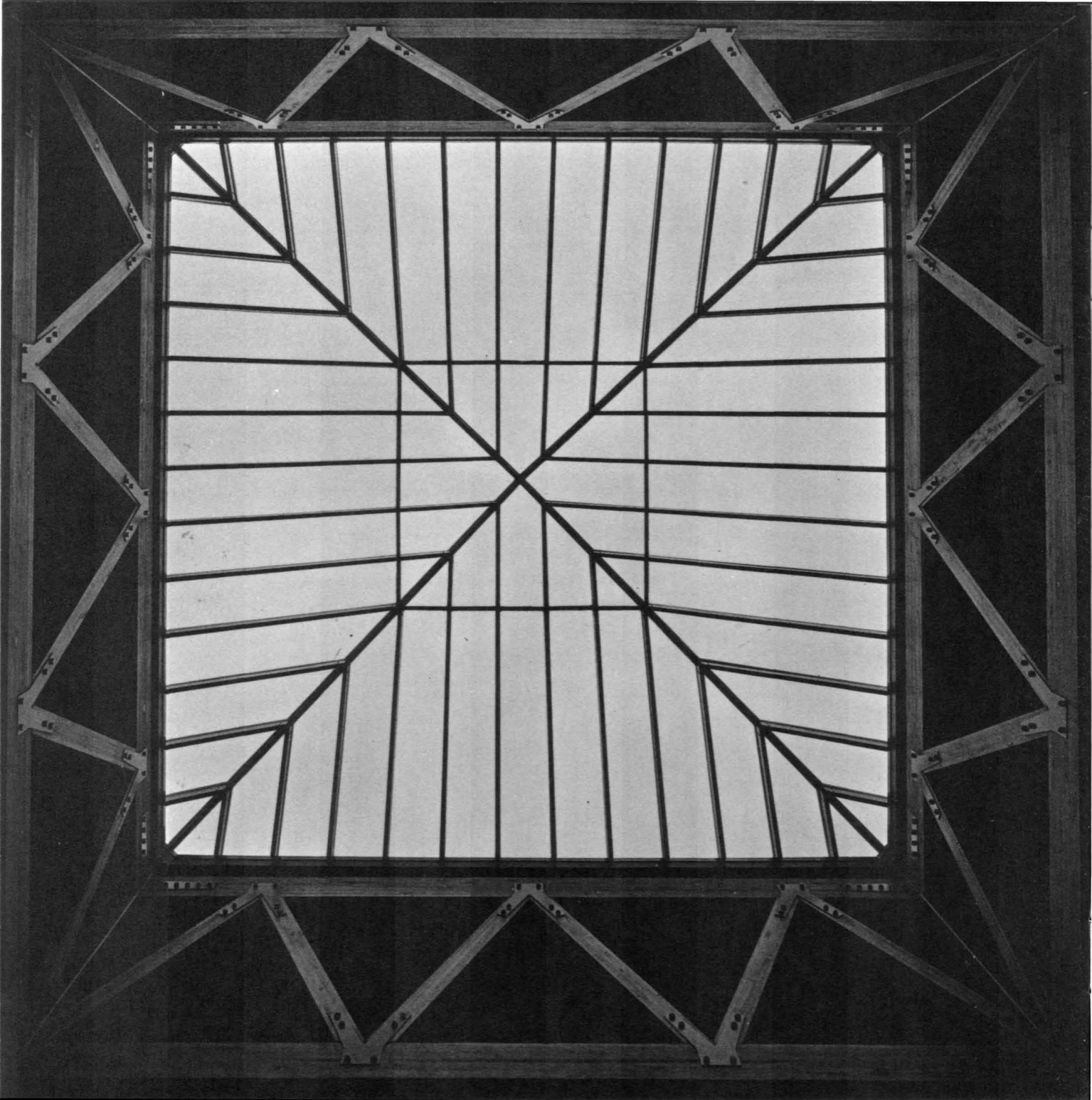
JOSEPH SMITH
Water Superintendent

GARLAND TURNBO
Chief Building Inspector

EDWARD SANDFORD
Park Superintendent

LARRY SCOGGINS
City Engineer

LARRY PENNELL
Assistant City Manager



ASSEMBLY HALL SKYLIGHT

ARCHITECTS

ROBERT HAWLEY AND ASSOCIATES
San Francisco

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

RIBERA AND SUE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

STOLTE INC.

SITE WORK CONTRACTOR

SOLANO CONCRETE

Brochure Design: Robert Hawley and Jane Roth

Photos: Joshua Freiwald

